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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

A copy of reference JP 2003-037890 was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 30, 2006.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following references are not in the English language:

- 1) EP 1 120 991
- 2) EP 1 146 773
- 3) WO 00/59263

Reference 1)-3) include an English translation thereof attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

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References 1)-3) were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. MPEP Section 609.04(a)III, second paragraph.

Please note that reference 1) is a counterpart application of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0009585. Please note that reference 2) is a counterpart application of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0028303. Please note that reference 3) is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,384.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application or before mailing of the first Official Action on the merits. No first Official Action on the merits has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. No fee or statement is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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(3) References

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